

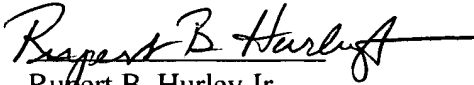
## **REMARKS**

With the entry of the amendment above, the pending claims are Claims 29-48 and 50-57.

The only amendment to the claims is the cancellation of Claim 49, which was objected to in the final office action of 20 January 2006. The objection to Claim 49 is under 37 CFR 1.756), as being of improper dependent form for failure to further limit the subject matter of a previous claims. Appellants agree with the objection, and therefore cancel Claim 49. The amendment to cancel Claim 49 raises no new issues, includes no new matter, and merely places the claims in better form for appeal. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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